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United States Patent Application No. 20030084758;
United States Patent Application No. 20020152850;
United States Patent No. 2,629,413;
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